

10th September 2021



CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Covid Update

Thank you for all your support over the past weeks. It is essential that we all do our bit to protect the bubbles within our school and ensure that the school community remains safe during these unprecedented times. I cannot stress enough that without your support, our resolve and ability to protect everyone is severely diminished.



Parents must take all precautions to protect everyone in our school so please do not, under any circumstances, send a child to school where they display symptoms – cough, temperature and loss of smell or taste. Children usually display mild symptoms but the risk to adults is much more severe.

*Parents are urged to inform the school office if their child receives a **POSITIVE PCR TEST**.

From 10th September, the Public Health Agency (PHA) will undertake contact tracing for a positive PCR test. A letter from the Chief Medical Officer explaining this is displayed on our website. **Please note the PHA close contact guidance is displayed on our website also.**

Punctuality

Parents are encouraged to ensure that all children arrive in school **promptly** in the mornings and are collected at the correct time. P1 11:30 am P2-P4 2:00pm P5-P7 3:00pm

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Playground

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Cliftonville Road



Easton Avenue

The school management have met with a spokesman from the Easton Avenue residents to ask for the gate to remain open for at least the next six weeks, subject to review and all parents and children being respectful that this arrangement is voluntary and at the discretion of the residents.

This gate is **ONLY** to be used for **PEDESTRIAN** access to school.

We would ask all parents to adhere to these simple rules:

NO CARS

NO PARKING

NO LITTERING

NO LOITERING

NO LETTING CHILDREN RUN IN AND OUT OF GARDENS

PE Days

Your child's teacher will inform you on which days your child's class will be doing PE. On these days, children wear our school PE kit to school.



School Uniform

The children all look really smart in their uniforms and we want that to continue. Details of school uniform suppliers are listed on our website.

School Fund

Parents are reminded that School Fund is £10 per pupil and £15 for a family. I would urge all parents to make this voluntary contribution as soon as possible.



Contact Information Reminder

You have been given Data Capture and Parental Responsibility forms. Please could you ensure these are returned to school as soon as possible. This information will ensure that your child's details are kept up to date on our computerised system. We will not be held responsible if you do not receive text messages as a result of not providing us with updated mobile phone numbers. Given that we are in the middle of a pandemic, it is essential that we can communicate through text, at short notice.



Seesaw and Google Classroom

Parents are urged to sign up to Seesaw and Google Classroom using the codes provided by their child's teacher. Seesaw will be used to deliver important parental information. If you wish to contact or send a message to your child's teacher, please contact the school office.

P1-P4 will be using Seesaw for homework

P5-P7 will be using Google Classroom for homework.



School Day Times

Class	START TIME	FINISH TIME
Nursery & P1 have been allocated individual, transitional times & dates		
P2	8.50am	2.00pm
P3	8.50am	2.00pm
P4	8.50am	2.00pm for September 3.00pm from 4 October (2pm Wednesdays)
P5-P7	8.50am	3.00pm (2pm Wednesdays)



Drop-off

From Monday 13th September, as the children are now familiar with their route into class, we will be encouraging all parents in P2 to P7 to drop your children off at the entrance of the school and encouraging them to walk into the playground and to their door independently. All areas within the school will be supervised by staff from 8.45am.



Snack

Children in classes P1 to P3 will be provided with a healthy snack each day. There will be pancakes, brioche, wraps, crackers and Cheese, yoghurts and a variety of fruit each week. The cost of this is £2 per week. Parents are asked to pay for this via **School Money**.



Nut Free Zone

Please remember that Cliftonville IPS is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please do not send your child to school with any food stuffs containing any form of nuts.

School Bus

The bus operates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3pm and Wednesday at 2pm. Children in P2, P3 and P4 (for the month of September) wishing to travel on the bus will be supervised in school until 3pm.

We would encourage the children to wear a mask. Our Bus Escort will be wearing one and also ensuring that the children are socially distanced on the bus.



A note of the current route and stops is as follows:-

Bus stops:

Cliftonpark Avenue → Summer Street → Manor Street → Agnes Street → Shankill Road → Woodvale Road → Crumlin Road then onto part of Ballysillan Road and turning down onto the Oldpark Road

Please look at these and email into the school if you would use the bus if an additional stop was added. The cost of this bus is £1.05 per day, paid directly to the bus driver.